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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities  
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1944 and 1945 /1

	Margarine and butterine		Fresh fruits & vegetables		Meats	Butter	Cheese	Eggs	Poultry dressed	Canned milk	Canned food stuffs	Total
	Beverages	/2	/3	/4	/5	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/6	
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	77,753	36,356	1,695	2,063	3,116	5,054	4,419	41,888	195,834	
Number cars shipped November 1944	21,201	494	71,557	30,067	1,873	1,928	3,211	4,768	4,206	37,518	176,823	
Percentage increase or decrease	9.0	-21.1	8.7	20.9	-9.5	7.0	-3.0	6.0	5.1	11.6	10.8	
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,807	377	83,343	38,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,689	4,316	40,570	201,375	
Number cars shipped December 1944	20,562	479	78,521	31,670	1,784	1,543	2,751	4,445	4,569	35,526	181,850	
Percentage increase or decrease	15.8	-21.3	6.1	21.1	-9.0	6.5	-3.0	5.5	-5.5	14.2	10.7	
Estimated cars, January 1945	17,685	422	80,594	29,002	1,733	1,846	2,489	1,835	4,430	30,825	170,861	
Number cars shipped January 1944	16,391	415	77,029	34,572	1,832	1,637	2,663	1,932	3,944	31,675	172,090	
Percentage increase or decrease	7.9	1.7	4.6	-16.1	-5.4	12.8	-6.5	-5.0	12.3	-2.7	-0.7	
Estimated cars, February 1945	18,107	511	75,315	24,369	1,644	1,567	2,374	1,282	4,458	31,144	160,771	
Number cars shipped February 1944	16,720	549	75,035	34,308	1,885	1,310	2,652	1,350	4,211	32,417	170,437	
Percentage increase or decrease	8.3	-6.9	0.4	-29.0	-12.8	19.6	-10.5	-5.0	5.9	-3.9	-5.7	
Estimated cars, March 1945	19,832	610	83,827	27,109	1,989	1,729	2,902	964	5,566	32,121	176,649	
Number cars shipped March 1944	18,992	530	85,885	36,244	2,083	1,518	2,993	1,015	5,310	33,261	187,831	
Percentage increase or decrease	4.4	15.1	-2.4	-25.2	-4.5	13.9	-3.0	-5.0	4.8	-3.4	-6.0	
Estimated cars, April 1945	18,060	562	75,192	23,723	2,110	1,523	3,894	1,059	6,784	27,930	160,837	
Number cars shipped April 1944	17,504	445	74,380	30,936	2,252	1,640	3,651	1,114	6,209	29,311	167,442	
Percentage increase or decrease	3.2	26.3	1.1	-23.3	-6.3	-7.1	6.7	-4.9	9.3	-4.7	-3.9	
Estimated cars, May 1945	20,584	394	81,055	26,972	2,426	1,892	5,202	1,525	9,225	29,114	178,389	
Number cars shipped May 1944	20,164	333	79,721	33,580	2,755	2,022	5,032	1,440	8,017	30,840	183,904	
Percentage increase or decrease	2.1	18.3	1.7	-19.7	-11.9	-6.4	3.4	5.9	15.1	-5.6	-3.0	

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	Beverages	/2	/3	/4	/5	/3	/3	/3	/3	/6	---
Estimated cars, June 1945	19,458		193	78,957	27,737	3,072	1,974	5,441	2,014	32,654	181,241
Number cars shipped June 1944	19,541		257	78,226	32,145	3,190	2,154	5,590	1,955	30,184	181,369
Percentage increase or decrease	-0.4		-24.9	0.9	-13.7	-3.7	-8.4	-2.7	3.0	8.2	-0.1
Estimated cars, July 1945	20,625		389	78,206	30,423	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	32,876	183,760
Number cars shipped July 1944	20,780		366	69,407	34,340	3,075	2,281	5,037	2,063	28,497	172,884
Percentage increase or decrease	-0.7		6.3	12.7	-11.4	2.0	-6.4	-0.5	4.1	15.4	6.3
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982		563	71,039	29,569	2,760	2,540	4,672	2,423	33,484	176,386
Number cars shipped August 1944	21,551		418	70,931	34,637	2,706	2,371	4,731	2,279	35,126	175,359
Percentage increase or decrease	2.0		34.7	0.2	-14.6	2.0	7.1	-1.2	6.3	-7.4	0.6
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,009		366	85,708	25,922	1,973	2,565	3,933	2,574	35,940	185,814
Number cars shipped September 1944	20,597		420	89,273	30,239	2,130	2,382	3,947	2,463	36,046	178,810
Percentage increase or decrease	2.0		-12.9	-4.0	-14.3	-7.4	7.7	-0.4	4.5	-0.3	3.9
Estimated cars, October 1945	22,197		590	94,085	36,872	1,656	2,534	3,530	3,519	42,534	212,599
Number cars shipped October 1944	22,185		626	91,485	30,343	1,840	2,355	3,639	3,320	38,206	198,789
Percentage increase or decrease	0.1		-5.8	2.8	21.5	-10.0	7.6	-3.0	6.0	11.3	6.9

- /1 For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.
- /2 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for 1944, and like figures are substituted for former estimates in 1945.
- /3 ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in 1944, and are substituted for previous estimates in 1945.
- /4 Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, October through December 1945 are estimates. These estimates do not include watermelon shipments.
- /5 In 1944 this figure is the sum of ICC classifications 210,220 and 222, carloads originated, less canned meats. The 12 months of 1945 are estimates on the same basis.
- /6 In 1944 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. The 12 months of 1945 are estimates of the same movement.